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SUBJ: SECOND REPORT OF US MEMBER/ICAO STATISTICAL PANEL,
4TH SESSION (STAP IV)

1. DURING SECOND WORKING DAY PANEL CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 6 REVIEW OF AIR TRANSPORT OPERATOR UNIVERSE AND ICAO REPORTING FORMS (STAP WP/2); TOOK UP AGENDA ITEM 2, METHODS OF COMPUTING DISTANCES USED IN STATISTICAL COMPUTATIONS (STAP WPS 5 AND 8); AGENDA ITEM 3, METHODS OF COMPUTING AIRCRAFT PAYLOAD CAPACITY FOR STATISTICAL COMPUTATIONS (STAP WPS 6 AND 8) AND BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 5, REPORTING OF AIRLINE FINANCIAL DATA FOR INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SERVICES.

2. CONSENSUS ON AGENDA ITEM 6 WAS THAT INVENTORY OF WORLD AIR TRANSPORT OPERATORS FOR 1973 (ATTACHED TO STAP WP/2) WAS USEFUL AND SHOULD BE PUBLISHED WITH SOME REVISIONS. THERE WAS LENGTHY DISCUSSION ON SCOPE OF REPORTING FOR OPERATORS IN THE WORLD AIR TRANSPORT UNIVERSE BUT REACTION WAS GENERALLY NEGATIVE TO EXPANSION OF REPORTING COVERAGE TO INCLUDE SMALLER OPERATORS. EXPANSION WOULD HAVE NECESSITATED REPORTING IN US CASE, ON SOME 3,500 COMMUTER AND AIR TAXI OPERATORS. INSTEAD PANEL SUGGESTED INCREASED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MORE COMPLETE REPORTING ON THOSE OPERATORS FOR WHICH MEMBER STATES CURRENTLY SUPPLY DATA.

3. ON AGENDA ITEM 2, PANEL CONSIDERED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS
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HIGH DEGREE OF USAGE OF GREAT CIRCLE DISTANCES IN STATISTICAL

COMPUTATIONS, INCREASED USAGE COULD BE PROMOTED THROUGH AVAILABILITY OF SUCH INFORMATION AS (2) A LIST OF AIRPORT COORDINATES AND (B) FORMULA FOR CALCULATING GREAT CIRCLE MILEAGES. SECRETARIAT AGREED THAT SUCH INFORMATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE LARGELY FROM EXISTING SOURCES.

4. SUBJECT OF STANDARDIZATION OF METHOD FOR COMPUTING AIRCRAFT PAYLOAD CAPACITY FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES (AGENDA ITEM 3) WAS THOROUGHLY AIRE. AT SUGGESTION OF US PANEL MEMBER, PANEL AGREED ON FEASIBILITY AND USEFULNESS OF ICAO WORKING TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR VOLUMETRIC AND WEIGHT COMPUTATION OF AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT CAPACITY.

5. PANEL'S THIRD WORKING DAY WAS OCCUPIED LARGELY COMPLETING CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 5 (WPS 5 AND 8) WITH REMAINING TIME BEING GIVEN OVER TO CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 7 SUGGESTIONS FOR SIXTH SESSION OF STATISTICS DIVISION (WP/3). AGENDA ITEM 5 APPROVED TO BE MOST DIFFICULT OF ITEMS THUS FAR HANDLED. THERE WAS INITIAL AGREEMENT BY THE PANEL THAT DISTRIBUTION OF AIRLINE FINANCIAL DATA INTO INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC CATEGORIES WAS BOTH FEASIBLE AND USEFUL IN THE CASE OF PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT BUT NOT FOR BALANCE SHEET. STANDARD FORM F-1 FOR FILING OF PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENTS REVIEWED AT LENGTH AND ITEMS SUITABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION INTO DOMESTIC/ INTERNATIONAL CATEGORIES DISCUSSED. PANEL ALSO AGREED AT SUGGESTION OF US PANEL MEMBER, TO ESTABLISH SMALL WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR USE OF MEMBER STATES OR THEIR AIRLINES IN INTERNATIONAL/DOMESTIC ALLOCATION OF COSTS/ REVENUES AND WHICH WOULD REPORT BACK TO SIXTH STA DIVISION. AGENDA ITEM 7 WAS MAINLY REVIEW OF SUITABILITY OF ITEMS SUGGESTED FOR AGENDA OF SIXTH STA DIVISION. US PANEL MEMBER ASKED THAT ITEM ON AIRLINE TRAFFIC STATISTICS BE CONSIDERED AT THE PANEL'S NEXT SESSION IN ADVANCE OF SIXTH STA DIVISION AND ALERTED SECRETARIAT TO FACT THAT US WOULD HAVE WORKING PAPERS SUGGESTING SIMPLIFICATION OF SOME STANDARD REPORTING FORMS.
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